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Appl. No. 09/822,925*Amendments to the Claims*

1. (currently amended) A system for automatically annotating a digital representation, comprising:

an electronic capture device to capture the digital representation of a scene;

a plurality of information tag devices, each of the information tag devices dispersed at various locations of scenes to store identification data for identifying a the locations of the scenes;

a tag-reader to receive the identification data from an information tag device;

a database to store annotation provider information for each of the information tag devices;

a communication device to communicate with the database, wherein when the identification data is transmitted to the database, a network address for an annotation provider associated with the information tag device is transmitted from the database to the communication device; and

a program to be executed by the communication device, the program to enable communication with the annotation provider to obtain an annotation associated with the information tag device and to annotate the digital representation of the scene with the annotation.

2. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the communication device is a computer.

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3. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the communication device is part of the electronic capture device.
4. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the communication device further includes a processing device, the processing device being utilized to associate the captured digital representation with a particular identification tag device.
5. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the electronic capture device is a camera.
6. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the tag-reader is located within the electronic capture device.
7. (cancelled)
8. (previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein when the network address of the annotation provider is received by the communication device, the program contacts the annotation provider's network address, and at least one annotation option is provided to a user.
9. (currently amended) The system of claim 1 ~~7~~, wherein the network address is an Internet address.

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10. (currently amended) A method of automatically annotating a digital representation, comprising:

capturing the digital representation of a scene;

receiving identification data from an identification tag device located at the scene,
the identification data identifying a location for the scene;

communicating with a database, wherein the database is utilized to store caption provider information for the identification tag device, and when the identification data is transmitted to the database, the caption provider information is transmitted from the database to a communication device;

executing a program, wherein the program enables communication with the caption provider to obtain a caption associated with the location of the scene and annotate the digital representation of the scene with the caption.

11. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein the communication device is part of the electronic capture device.

12. (original) The method of claim 10, further including associating the captured digital representation with a particular information tag device.

13. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein the capturing of the scene is performed with a camera.

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14. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the caption provider information stored in the database includes a network address of the caption provider.

15. (previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein when the network address of the caption provider is received by the communication device, the program contacts the caption provider's network address, and at least one annotation option is provided to a user.

16. (original) The method of claim 14, wherein the network address is an Internet address.

17. (currently amended) An apparatus for automatically annotating a digital representation, comprising:

an electronic capture device to capture a digital representation of an object;

a tag-reader to retrieve identification data from an identification tag device located at the object, wherein the identification tag device is utilized to store the identification data identifying a location of the object;

a communication device to communicate with a database, wherein the database is utilized to store information for the identification tag device, and when identification data is transmitted to the database, information for an annotation provider is transmitted from the database to the communication device.

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18. (original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the communication device is part of the electronic capture device.

19. (original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the communication device further includes a processing device, the processing device being utilized to associate the captured digital representation with a particular information tag device.

20. (original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the electronic capture device is a camera.

21. (original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the tag-reader is located within the electronic capture device.

22. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the information includes a network address of the annotation provider of annotations for the object scene.

23. (original) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the network address is an Internet address.

24. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the communication device executes a program, wherein the program to enable communication with the annotation provider to obtain an annotation associated with the information tag device and to annotate the digital representation of the scene object with the annotation.

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25. (original) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein when the network address of the annotation provider is received by the communication device, the program contacts the annotation provider's network address, and a user of the apparatus is given an option as to which annotations the user prefers for the digital representation.

26. (currently amended) A camera for automatically annotating digital images, comprising:

an electronic capture device to capture a digital representation of a scene;

a tag-reader to receive identification data from an information tag device located at the scene;

a memory to store the digital representation and the identification data associated therewith;

an input/output (I/O) device to transfer data between the memory and a communication device, wherein the communication device transfers the identification data to a database, wherein a network address of an annotation provider associated with the information tag device is stored in the database.

27. (cancelled)

28. (previously presented) The camera of claim 26, wherein the communication device includes a program execution device to execute a program, wherein the program to enable communication with the annotation provider to obtain an annotation associated

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with the information tag device and to annotate the digital representation of the scene with the annotation.

29. (original) The camera of claim 26, wherein the communication device is located within the camera.

30. (currently amended) The ~~the~~ method of claim 12, wherein associating the captured digital representation with a particular information tag device comprises associating the captured digital representation with the particular information tag device based upon a predetermined time threshold.

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